



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside
4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

Order of Worship

October 19, 2025 10 am

"Together by Grace" - Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Laity / Family Sunday with The Response

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Here I Am, Lord" by Charles Callahan / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***INTROIT:** "Sing for Joy" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 119) / Led by Alan Kerrick, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Oh, how I love your will, dear Lord. I meditate on your wisdom all day long. Your teaching makes me wiser each day.

(Congregation) Your instruction helps me become my truest self.

L: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

C: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light that shines on my path. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** "Washed Over Me" by Casey Brown, Garrett Hornbuckle, Jeff Stein, Jonathan Smith, Joshua Schou, and Luke Wycuff / **All** / Led by The Response

Intro / Instrumental

Verse 1

The sun is rising on a new day.

My soul's alive 'cause my sins you cast away.

Down by the river, I was redeemed,

when your love washed over me,

when your love washed over me.

Whoa, whoa, whoa, oh. Whoa, whoa, whoa, oh.

Verse 2

**My chains were broken, my debt was paid.
I traded dirty rags for riches in your name.
And in that moment, my soul could sing,
when your love washed over me.**

Chorus

**Like water, you poured out,
and grace covered me,
when your love, oh, your love,
when your love washed over me.
Whoa, whoa, whoa, oh. Whoa, whoa, whoa, oh.**

Verse 3

**My search is over. I've found my home.
My cup is overflowed; with you I thirst no more.
There on the river, I found the victory,
when your love washed over me.**

Chorus

**Like water, you poured out,
and grace covered me,
when your love, oh, your love,
when your love washed over me,
Ooo ooo ooo, ooo ooo ooo**

Bridge

**When your love, when your love,
when your love washed over me;
when your love, oh, your love,
when your love washed over me.**

Chorus

**Like water, you poured out
and grace covered me,
when your love, oh, your love,
when your love washed over me,
Whoa, whoa, whoa, oh. Whoa, whoa, whoa, oh**

WELCOME / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Leader) As you share signs of peace, know that we are together in this world by God's grace. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Luke 18)

You call us, Lord of Life, to a faith that stays in motion. You urge us to grow in wisdom and to be reconciled with all. Yet we fail to understand that faith is not something fixed. It is not a goal to be achieved, a place where we arrive and then rest on our laurels. Call us anew, dear Christ, to seek you in neighbors who need us. Help us pursue peace with more persistence than those who pursue violence. Grant us an unyielding faith—a faith that transforms our own hearts and the world around us. This we pray in your name, which is Love. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Dresden) / The Aldersgate Chorale

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lyn Knowles

INTERLUDE: "Soul on Fire" by Mac Powell, Tai Anderson, Mark D. Lee, David Carr, Brenton Brown, and Matt Maher / The Response

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 / Liturgist

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

(Liturgist) This is the word of God for the people of God!

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Proclaim the Glory of the Lord" by Dwight Liles and Niles Borop / The Aldersgate Chorale

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 119: 97-104 (New Life Version) / Liturgist

O how I love Your Law! It is what I think about all through the day. Your Word makes me wiser than those who hate me, for it is always with me. I have better understanding than all my teachers, because I think about Your Law. I have a better understanding than those who are old, because I obey Your Word.

I have kept my feet from every sinful way so that I may keep Your Word. I have not turned away from Your Law, for You Yourself have taught me. How sweet is Your Word to my taste! It is sweeter than honey to my mouth! I get understanding from Your Law and so I hate every false way.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

(All) Glory to you, O Christ! Amen!

MESSAGE: "Itchy Ears and Googly Eyes" / Guest Speaker, Lucinda Edmunds

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #593 "Here I Am, Lord" by Dan Schutte**

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Verse 2

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)
Tag: I will hold your people in my heart.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (1 Samuel 1) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) God doesn't ask us to give our first-born child or the last cent we own. God asks for hearts of generosity and gifts lovingly given. Out of gratitude for God's trustworthy love and generous gifts, let us return gifts of gratitude to God.

(All) Amen!

(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to receive our offerings.

OFFERTORY: "Rejoice, O My Soul" by Georg Böhm

***UNISON OFFERING HYMN:** "As We Seek Your Face / Jesus, Draw Me Close" by Dave Bilbraugh and Rick Founds / **All** / Led by Rev. Bev Devine

**As we seek your face, may we know your heart;
feel your presence, acceptance, as we seek your face.**

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.

For I desire to worship and obey.

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (1 Samuel 1, 1 Samuel 2, Hebrews 10) / **All**

Your promise is written on our hearts, dear God, and your strength is in the work of our hands. We offer you all that we have and all that we are, that your love may be made known throughout your world. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin

***SENDING HYMN:** "Lead On, Good Shepherd" by Frankie Orella, Patrick Mayberry and Paul Duncan

Verse 1

**Well, I've been turned 'round,
but I've never been lost.**

**Seen the water get troubled,
but we walked across.**

**When my knees were shaking,
you held my hand,
turning my problems
to a promised land.**

Chorus

**Lead on, Good Shepherd;
I'll follow all my days.**

**There ain't nothing sweeter
than to watch you make a way.**

**You've walked me through the valley,
but you never steered me wrong.**

So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Verse 2

**Seen some mighty deep canyons
that you brought me through.**

**Seen some mighty big mountains
that just up and moved.**

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

**Yeah, that's my song,
walking with my Father,
into the great unknown.**

Chorus

Lead on, Good Shepherd;

I'll follow all my days.

**There ain't nothing sweeter
than to watch you make a way.**

**You've walked me through the valley,
but you never steered me wrong.**

So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Bridge

Step by step, day by day,

lead me on, Lord, I pray.

Road gets dark, walk by faith.

Lead on, Good Shepherd. (Repeat)

Chorus

Lead on, Good Shepherd;

I'll follow all my days.

**There ain't nothing sweeter
than to watch you make a way.**

**You've walked me through the valley,
but you never steered me wrong.**

So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Bridge

Step by step, day by day,

lead me on, Lord, I pray.

Road gets dark, walk by faith.

Lead on, Good Shepherd. (Repeat)

Ending

Lead on, Good Shepherd; lead on, Good Shepherd;

lead on, Good Shepherd; lead on, Good Shepherd;

lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on!

***UNISON BENEDICTION** (Luke 18) / Led by Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

God's steadfast love never ceases. May we never fail to share this love with others. Go in the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Spirit, now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE: "Prelude and Fugue in D Minor" by Johann Ludwig Krebs / Robert Phillips

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Rizzy Manacop, Margie Baillod, Lucille Novak, Jun Valino, Patrick Russell, Jon Dugan, Derek and Robin Austin, Devyn Salmon, Marie Madden, Gitanjali Spencer, Liz Jennings, Donna Woodard, Emilie Gorham, George Callow, Bill Ashworth, Norma Nelson, Ed Lamers, Calvin Narayan and Shail Singh, Mack Davis, John and Susan Logger, Michael Thompson, Pat Beals, Melissa Williams, Kennedy Williams, Bill and Helen Nuchols, Mary Herrmann, Jim Ashworth, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke, Marge Wolter, Michelle Arguelles, Robert and Benita Roberts, De'Ann McWilliams, Jazz Roberts and family, Josephine Essien and family, Cheryl and Roy Riggs and family, our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

CHARGE CONFERENCE (2025-2026) Sunday, November 16, 2025, 3 pm

FUMCOR, Wesley UMC, Corona UMC, and the Box Springs Collaborative representatives meet in Fellowship Hall.

East District Superintendent, Rev. Moonyoung Lee, presiding

This Week

Sunday, Oct. 19

- Worship with the Response; Message: **"Itchy Ears and Googly Eyes"** by Lucinda Edmunds (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- English Country Dance - (Fellowship Hall) - 3 pm

Monday, Oct. 20

- Finance Committee (Zoom) - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 21

- Staff Meeting (Conference Room) - 10 am
- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 22

- UWF "Walk About" (off campus) - 7:30 am
- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am to 12 pm
- Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

Thursday, Oct. 23

- UWF Bible Study, "Breaking the Code/Understanding the Book of Revelation" (Zoom) – 6:45 pm
- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Choir Room) – 7 pm

Friday, Oct. 24

- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) – 7 am
- Charge Conference reports are due to the office today!

Saturday, Oct. 25

- "Doors Open" event – (Sanctuary) – 1 pm – 5 pm
- Organ Concert, "Boos in the Night" by Robert Phillips (Sanctuary) – 7 pm

Sunday, Oct. 26

- Worship: Commitment/Pledge Sunday, Allegro Ringers (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- The Habit Fundraiser – 11 am – 9:30 pm
- Halloween Hop (Fellowship Hall) – 5 pm – 7 pm

Monday, Oct. 27

- Church Council (Zoom) – 7 pm

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